

receiving trip planning information selected based on the identified site and the range data.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the trip planning information includes information identifying a location of interest within a proximity of the first site derived from the range data.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the trip planning information includes information identifying services available within a proximity of the first site derived from the range data.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the request further includes a second site, and wherein the trip planning information includes information identifying a location of interest associated with the second site.

21. The method of claim 17, wherein the request further includes a second site and second range data defining a distance from the second site, and wherein the trip planning information includes information identifying selected locations of interest within a proximity of the first and second sites.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein the locations of interest each provide services similar to services provided by the second site.

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A method for searching and retrieving information, comprising:

receiving a request identifying a first site and range data defining a distance from the first site;  
selecting trip planning information based on the identified first site and the range data;  
and  
outputting the selected trip planning information.

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The method of claim 23, wherein the trip planning information includes information identifying a location of interest within a proximity of the first site derived from the range data.

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The method of claim 23, wherein the trip planning information includes information identifying services available within a proximity of the first site derived from the range data.

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The method of claim 23, wherein the request further includes a second site, and wherein the trip planning information includes information identifying a location of interest associated with the second site.

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The method of claim 23, wherein the request further includes a second site and second range data defining a distance from the second site, and wherein the trip planning



determining a range for the site based on stored information associated with the type of location of interest; and

providing trip planning information based on the range, the type of location of interest and the site.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the trip planning information includes locations of interest located within the range of the site, and wherein the locations of interest are associated with the type of location included in the request.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein generating the range includes:  
varying the range based on the number of locations of interest located within a predetermined distance of the site.

35. A method for retrieving information, comprising:  
sending a first request including a site and a type of location of interest; and  
receiving trip planning information selected based on a range, the site and the type of location of interest, wherein the range is based on stored information associated with the type of location of interest.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the trip planning information includes locations of interest located within the range of the site, and wherein the locations of interest are associated with the type of location of interest included in the request.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein the range is based on the number of locations of

38. A method for searching and retrieving information, comprising:  
receiving a request identifying at least a first site, a second site and a type of location of

generating a geometric shape based on the first and second sites; and

sending information associated with the first and second sites and selected based on the

39. The method of claim 38, wherein sending information includes:  
collecting information related to locations of interest that are associated with the type of

40. The method of claim 38, wherein generating the geometric shape includes:

determining a first distance value between the first and second sites;

performing a function on the first distance value to produce a second distance value; and

generating the geometric shape based on the first and second distance values. --

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